

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : **Group Art Unit:**
Minor, et. al. : **Intellectual Property Law Department**
Serial No.: : **International Business**
Filed: : **Machines Corporation**
Title: System and Method for Balancing : **11400 Burnet Road**
Computational Load Across a : **Austin, Texas 78758**
Plurality of Processors :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

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This application is being filed on the same day as the following U.S. Patent Applications, each having the same assignee (International Business Machines Corporation):

"System and Method for Loading Software on a Plurality of Processors," by Aguilar, Chow, Day, Gowen, Nutter, and Xenidis (Docket No. AUS920030717US1);

"System and Method for Processor Thread Acting as a System Service Processor," by Aguilar, Nutter, and Stafford (Docket No. AUS920030700US1);

"System and Method for Processor Thread for Software Debugging," by Aguilar, Day, Manning, and Nutter (Docket No. AUS920030698US1);

“System and Method for Processor Dedicated Code Handling in a Multi-Processor Environment,” by Aguilar, Nutter, and Stafford (Docket No. AUS920030791US1);

“System and Method for Managing a Plurality of Processors as Devices,” by Aguilar, Day, Nutter, and Stafford (Docket No. AUS920030707US1);

“System and Method for Asymmetric Heterogeneous Multi-Threaded Operating System,” by Aguilar, Day, Nutter, and Stafford (Docket No. AUS920030699US1);

“System and Method for Grouping Processors,” by Aguilar, Day, Nutter, and Xenidis (Docket No. AUS920030706US1);

“System and Method for Virtual Devices Using a Plurality of Processors,” by Aguilar, Day, Nutter, and Xenidis (Docket No. AUS920030705US1);

“System and Method for Encrypting Data Using a Plurality of Processors,” by Aguilar, Craft, Day, Hofstee, and Nutter (Docket No. AUS920030704US1);

“System and Method for Manipulating Data with a Plurality of Processors,” by Day, Nutter, and To (Docket No. AUS920030718US1);

“System and Method for Solving a Large System of Dense Linear Equations,” by Nutter and To (Docket No. AUS920030703US1);

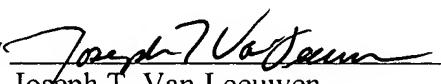
“System and Method for Compiling Source Code for Multi-Processor Environments,” by Brokenshire, Minor, Nutter, and To (Docket No. AUS920030701US1);

“System and Method for Dynamically Partitioning Processing Across Plurality of Heterogeneous Processors,” by Brokenshire, Minor, and Nutter (Docket No. AUS920030702US1); and

“System and Method for Task Queue Management of Virtual Devices Using a Plurality of Processors,” by Aguilar, Day, Minor, Nutter, and Xenidis (Docket No. AUS920030844US1).

While these co-pending applications may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it has not been ascertained that the aforementioned applications are "related" to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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